



## ***St. John Chrysostom Church***

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### **April 2018 SJCC News**

My Joy in the Lord,

**Christ is risen!**

Χριστός ἠνέστη!

المسيح قام !

Христос Воскресе!

**May you all have a blessed Pascha!**

With love, in Christ,  
Fr. Seraphim

**Saturday, March 31 we are cleaning the church, the hall and the entire building for Pascha.**

We need to:

1. Wash all the window sills upstairs and downstairs.
2. Dust ALL the icons throughout the building
3. Oil/polish all the woodwork in the building
4. Clean and polish all the metals and glassware we use in the church. (This includes the censers...)
5. Clean and sort all of the kitchen cabinets and refrigerator.
6. Wash all the chairs in the fellowship Hall
7. Dust/wipe down all the chairs in the church.
8. For our teens and older children: prepare the eggs for the Paschal egg hunt

**Please come to Confession before Holy Week begins. I will not be hearing Confessions (except for extraordinary circumstances) from Holy Tuesday after the Bridegroom Matins until Bright Saturday, after Vespers.**

**Reminder: April 1<sup>st</sup> is the children's procession at the end of the Liturgy. Please be on time.**

**Reminder our FFHP (Food For Hungry People) boxes/donations are due on Palm Sunday.** Please bring your donations to church no later than Thomas Sunday so that we can send the money to the project in a timely manner!

**Please note that I made two mistakes in the Newsletter calendar last month – the PreSanctified Liturgy on Holy Wednesday will begin at 4 pm not 5 pm. Also, the Agape Vespers will be at NOON not 1 pm**

I encourage everyone to come, at least, to the Holy Thursday, 7 pm service, the Holy Friday 3 pm and 7 pm services, and, of course, to the midnight Paschal service. Children are welcome to bring blankets and sleep in the church after the procession

Please see Andrei Gisetti about reading any of the Old Testament readings on Holy Saturday morning.

Savannah Roberts will be received into the Church on Holy Saturday at 9 am, prior to the Holy Saturday Vespers Liturgy.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week, it is the custom after the PreSanctified Liturgy (Wed), Vespers Liturgy (Thu), and Vespers (Fri) to have a small Lenten meal in the Fellowship Hall while we await the start of the 7 pm services. The meals are not potluck but we either bring something to eat for ourselves or order something Lenten and humble from a nearby place. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The sign-up sheet for the Paschal meal is on the bulletin board. PLEASE put your name to whatever you are bringing for Pascha.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be right after the Agape Vespers at NOON on Pascha!

Everyone is invited to Fr. Seraphim's and Masha's Open House on Bright Monday (April 9) following Liturgy and until 3 pm. 5514 S Ward Way Littleton, CO 80127

St. Tikhon Mission is celebrating their Patronal Feast day on Bright Tuesday, (April 10). All are invited to the Vigil on Bright Monday evening at 6 pm.

On Sunday, April 22, we will have our annual Paschal Vespers and BBQ Picnic. All of the area clergy and parishioners are invited. Sign-up sheets and further information will be available in April.

After Pascha, I will be continuing the Saturday afternoon "What is Orthodoxy?" sessions at 4 pm. However, rather than a class for inquirers, it will be an open discussion on any church topic that attendees wish to discuss. Some topics will be transferred to the following week if I need to do some research.....

Our last day of Sunday School will be May 20!

Reminder: PLC is coming in June. June 13-16 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. All are welcome. Rooms are only \$139 a night during the PLC. We are hoping to have a team for the Bible Bowl. Our first year! Let's be there to cheer them on. Go to: <http://www.holytrinitysantafe.org/> for information and <http://www.antiochianevents.com/wichita.html> for schedule and registration!

We are continuing with the \$5-a-Month Club to support the priests in Uganda. Please join – just write a check for \$5 every month or \$60 for the year.

**Prayer Circle:** The Prayer Circle is a group of Parishioners who, at least once each week, spend some time asking God to care for and bless various individuals who are in need of His Mercy. If you wish to be part of the Prayer Circle or would like more information, please contact Dianna Vagianos-Armentrout at [diannavagianos@gmail.com](mailto:diannavagianos@gmail.com).

We have two Fund-raising opportunities – through Amazon Smile and through the Archdiocesan on-line Purchasing – please see the notice at the end of the newsletter for details of how you can participate.

## Parishioner Celebrations

**NOTE: If you don't see your day listed OR see your day listed on the wrong day  
PLEASE let Fr. Seraphim know – as soon as possible**

### April

04/01	Birthday	Alexandra Gisetti
04/01	Namesday	Masha Gisetti
04/06	Birthday	Dagmar Drakulich
04/23	Namesday	Alexandra Gisetti
04/23	Namesday	Alexandra Zinng (Lexy)
04/24	Birthday	Alexandra Zinng (Lexy)
04/30	Namesday	Donald Wallace

### May

05/03	Birthday	Anna Gisetti
05/03	Repose	Robert Baldwin
05/04	Birthday	Robert Saieg
05/08	Anniversary	Bert & Margo Waisanen
05/08	Birthday	Paul Saieg
05/09	Namesday	Christopher Cheaqui
05/09	Namesday	Chris Dovey
05/14	Birthday	Kylee Gisetti
05/14	Birthday	Ricky Hill
05/14	Birthday	Russell Zinng III
05/15	Birthday	Alexander Watson (Higgins)
05/17	Birthday	Hannah Fox
05/19	Ordination to the Priesthood	Fr. Seraphim Gisetti
05/20	Birthday	Darya Goudzwaard
05/24	Birthday	Alyssa Dovey
05/27	Anniversary	Alex & Ketino Beim
05/31	Anniversary	Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

## PROSPHORA Baking

**REMINDER:** PLEASE make sure that you bring ONE (and only one) prospora with names for commemoration -this includes both living and departed, if some of the living or departed are not Orthodox, I want them anyway - to church at least the night before the date on which it is due. You can bring it up to three weeks before and we'll freeze it until the date, but don't try to bring it that morning. I usually start the Proskomedia early and need the prospora to be there. If it's not there by the night before, I will defrost a spare to use. Thank you for your consideration.

We will always need prospora. I will be happy to come to your house and bake them with you if you're not sure how to do it.

**Because we have grown, the prosporas need to be bigger, please see the recipe on the next page of the newsletter for the new proportions....**

## Parish Responsibilities

	Prospora	Epistle	Communion help	Coffee Hour
<b>April</b>				
1	Masha Gisetti	Jonathan Spencer	Caitlin & Hannah	<u>Potluck</u>
8	Parish	Andrei Gisetti	Taisia & Caitlin	<u>Festal Meal</u>
15	Open	Joe Mikita	Taisia & Alyssa	J&J Mikita, M. Gisetti, Arnold
22	Alexandra Gisetti	Ricky Hill	Pelagia & Kylee	Beim, Higgins, Perkins
29	Anna Gisetti	Taisia Taraschuk	Caitlin & Hannah	Armentrout, Goudzwaard, D. Mikita
<b>May</b>				
6	Christopher Cheaqui	Dana Berry	Taisia & Alyssa	J. Gisetti, Castellano, Baldwin
13	Fr. Seraphim	Chris Dovey	Pelagia & Kylee	<u>Mother's Day Brunch</u>
20	Darya Goudzwaard	Susan Arnold	Caitlin & Hannah	J&S Rahe, Dovey, Roberts
27	Alex & Ketino Beim	Jonathan Spencer	Taisia & Alyssa	Wallace, Taraschuk, Al. Gisetti

### Parish Cleaning:

April                                      ALL OF US (Cleaning for Pascha)

May 5, 6                                    Andrei & Jacque Gisetti

## Schedule of Services and Events

### April

1	Sun	9:00 am	<b>Liturgy with Children's Palm Procession</b> Coffee Hour NO Sunday School	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
2	Mon	7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins	<b>Holy Monday</b>
3	Tue	7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins	<b>Holy Tuesday</b>

4	Wed	4:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>
		7:00 pm	<b>Matins of Holy Thursday and Unction Service</b>	
5	Thu	4:00 pm	<b>Vesperal Liturgy of the Last Supper</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>
		7:00 pm	<b>Matins Of Holy Friday (12 Gospels)</b>	
6	Fri	9:00 am	Royal Hours	<b>Holy Friday</b>
		3:00 pm	<b>Vespers of the Burial</b>	
		7:00 pm	<b>Matins of Holy Saturday (Lamentations)</b>	
7	Sat	9:00 am	Reception of Savannah Roberts	<b>Holy Saturday</b>
		9:30 am	Vesperal Liturgy – The Descent to Hades	
		11:30 pm	<b>Nocturne</b>	
		Midnight	<b>Paschal Procession</b>	
8	Sun		<b>Paschal Matins</b>	<b>PASCHA</b>
			<b>Paschal Liturgy</b>	
			<b>Paschal Breakfast</b>	
		noon	<b>Agape Vespers</b>	
9	Mon	9:00 am	Paschal Liturgy	<b>Bright Monday</b>
			Open house at Fr. Seraphim's and Masha's home	
14	Sat	5:00 pm	Vespers	
15	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Thomas Sunday</b>
			Coffee hour & Sunday School	
			Parish Council Meeting	
21	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? An open discussion	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
22	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Myrrhbearers Sunday</b>
			Coffee hour & Sunday School	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
			BBQ Picnic	
28	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? An open discussion	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
29	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Paralytic</b>
			Coffee hour & Sunday School	
<b>May</b>				
5	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy?	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
6	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman</b>
			Coffee hour & Sunday School	
12	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? An open discussion	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
13	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Blind Man</b>
			Coffee hour & Sunday School	
17	Thu	6:30 pm	Liturgy	<b>Ascension of our Lord</b>
			Festal potluck	
19	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? An open discussion	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
20	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy	<b>Sunday of the Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ec. Council</b>
			Coffee hour & Last day of Sunday School	
26	Sat	4:00 pm	What is Orthodoxy? An open discussion	
		5:00 pm	Vespers	
27	Sun	9:00 am	Liturgy & Vespers with Kneeling Prayers	<b>Pentecost</b>
			Coffee hour & NO Sunday School	

## Prospora Instructions

2 tsp yeast (Fleischmann's Dry Yeast) - roughly 1 envelope  
1 pinch salt (iodized is what I use)  
2 c water  
~1.5 lb flour (I use Hungarian High Altitude Unbleached,  
I used to use Gold Medal Bleached or store brand Unbleached -  
DO NOT use Whole Wheat)

Preheat oven to 350 (some 325, some 375 or somewhere in between)

Needed:

Mixing bowl

Mixing spoon

Liquid Measuring cup

Cookie sheet

1½" - 3" craft/leather needle (NOT Knitting needle)

– you can use a smaller one if that is all you have or a pin – but sterilize first

1 large linen/cotton towel (flour bag type)

Mix water and yeast and 1 cup flour, mix, cover (with a linen towel) and let stand until it bubbles (or separates – sometimes it does one, sometimes the other), then add the pinch of salt and start adding flour, mixing thoroughly until “rubbery” to the touch and does not stick to your fingers.

Roll out, fold up, roll out, fold up, roll out. Form into a loaf about 10” across (diameter), put on cookie sheet (flour the cookie sheet – do not oil it or spray pam or any other oil on it), stamp with prospora seal (don't be afraid to flatten it in the process, and prick the 4 corners of the main seal (in the center) with the needle (does not have to go all the way to the bottom and hit the cookie sheet) as well as the very center of the seal (this lessens the chance of an air bubble under the seal)

Put into oven for ~45 minutes.

(do 20 minutes on top rack and 20+ minutes on the bottom rack)

(40 - 45 min depending on the size of the loaf and efficiency of the oven)

Take out when it starts to brown (light brown), wrap in the linen towel and let it cool in the towel.

Put in plastic bag (1 gal size works well) and bring to church. You can freeze it at home if it is baked several days early – but don't let it defrost on the way to church unless it is the day before it is going to be used.

If you have more dough than needed for the prospora, bake yourself a loaf and slather it with butter and enjoy

## Amazon Smile Program

1. Instead of using [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), use smile.amazon.com
2. Bookmark smile.amazon.com in all of your browsers
3. Search for St. John Chrysostom Church (Christian – Lakewood, CO)
4. Select it as your charity.
5. Always use smile.amazon.com when purchasing from Amazon. Everything will look the same and work the same as on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) including Prime if you have it.

EXCEPT, St. John's will get a (small – 0.5%) donation of every purchase that you make.

THIS DOES NOT COST YOU ANY MORE.

That's it.

Thank you



## St. John Chrysostom Rewards Program

### **Program Overview:**

1. A digital savings and fundraising platform for our ministry.
2. The program creates an automatic monetary contribution to our ministry as a percentage of your online spending.
3. This program is endorsed by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

### **How Does It Work?**

1. Shop at thousands of your favorite retailers, such as Target, Best Buy, Nordstrom, Home Depot, Kohl's, J. Crew, and more.
2. Save by taking advantage of discounts and deals including %-off discounts, \$-off discounts, and free shipping.
3. Support the parish, as a percentage of every purchase you make at participating retailers is contributed back to the ministry at no additional cost to you.

### **How Do You Participate:**

1. Go to <http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram> and register with your email address.
2. Remember to visit <http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram> prior to making online purchases to enable a contribution to St. John's and to discover relevant savings offers for you. OR
3. Install the <http://antiochian.org/rewardsprogram> support button on your Chrome, Firefox, or Safari browser to automatically support the ministry every time you make a purchase—without having to visit the deal site first.